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**NOVEL POLYMER COMPOUND AND** )  
**METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME** )

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2002-69102 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
2. Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2002-053573 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

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4. Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 61-136504 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

5. Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2001-278913 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

6. Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 03-505341 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

7. Japanese Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 2004-107241 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

8. Soviet Union Patent Publication No. 422262 - An English language translation of the title is enclosed.

9. KAWANAMI, H. et al., "Cho Rinkai Nisanka Tanso to Ion-Sei Ryutai o Mochiita Carbonate Gosei Kenkyu," The Society of Chemical Engineers, Japan Shuki Taikai Kenkyu Happyo Koen Yoshishu, page 391 (8 sheets), Vol. 35, (2002) - An English language translation of this document is enclosed.

10. SAITO, T. et al., "Preparation of Cyclic Carbonated Natural Rubber via Supercritical Carbon Dioxide Fixation," Abstract of a Presentation Presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Discussion Meeting on Elastomers Hosted by the Journal of the Society of Rubber Industry, Japan, 5 Sheets, (December 2, 2004) - An English language abstract and translation of this document is enclosed.

Also enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing documents 2-9 and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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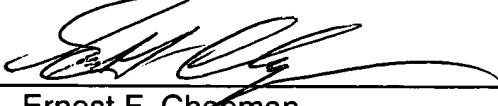
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